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JUGGERNAUT,
MY SISTER! WHAT
A WONDROUS
PLACE FULL OF
SOFT, DELICIOUS
CREATURES WE'VE
DISCOVERED!

HA! HA!

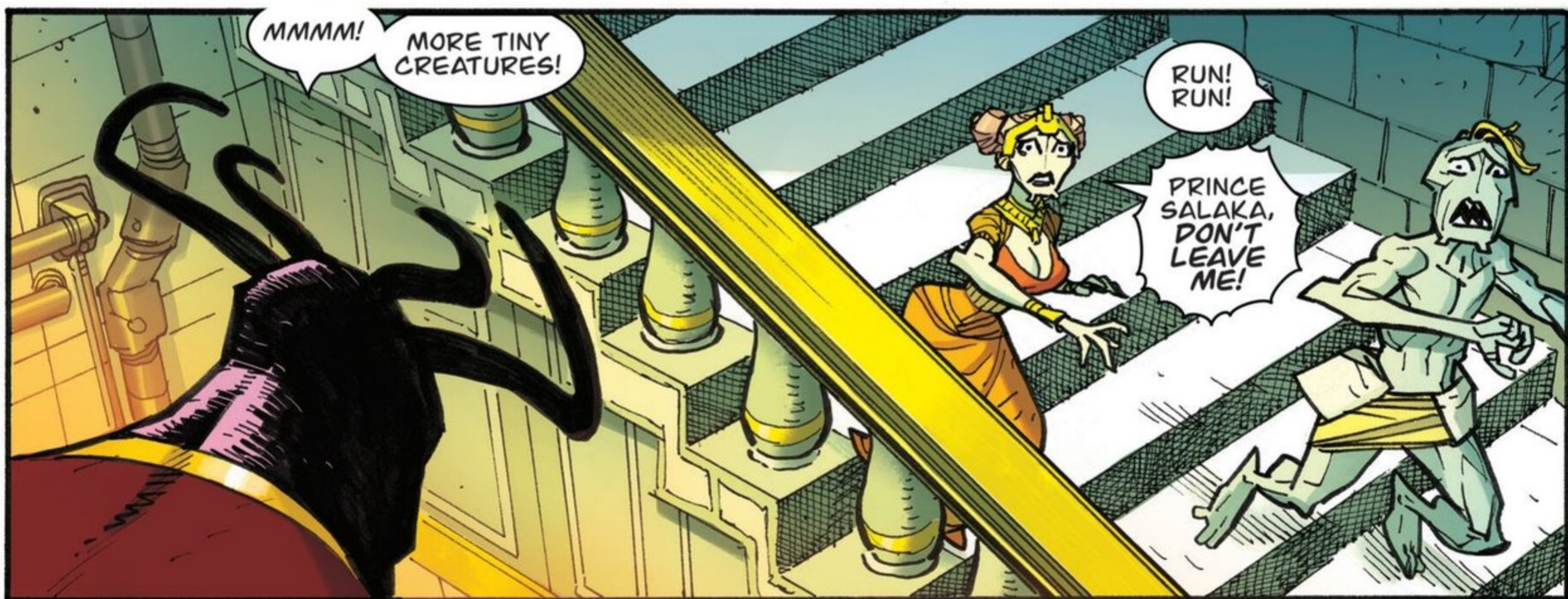
SO TRUE,
COLOSSUS,
MY DEAR BROTHER.
HAD I KNOWN SUCH
HORRIBLE SPLENDOR
WAS POSSIBLE, I'D
HAVE URGED YOU TO
LEAVE BEHIND OUR
BELOVED EMSIU
MUCH SOONER!





SKROO

THEY'VE
BREACHED
THE
CASTLE!







I DON'T KNOW, MY PRINCE. IT SEEMS LIKE THINGS ARE GETTING WORSE.

NAH, NAH, NAH. JUST SIT TIGHT AND TRUST IN SALAKA. WE'RE GOING TO BE JUST FINE.



THOSE MONSTERS ARE DOING DAMAGE, BUT THEY'RE GOING TO GET BORED WHEN THEY RUN OUT OF THINGS TO SMASH AND JUST LEAVE.

YOU'LL SEE.

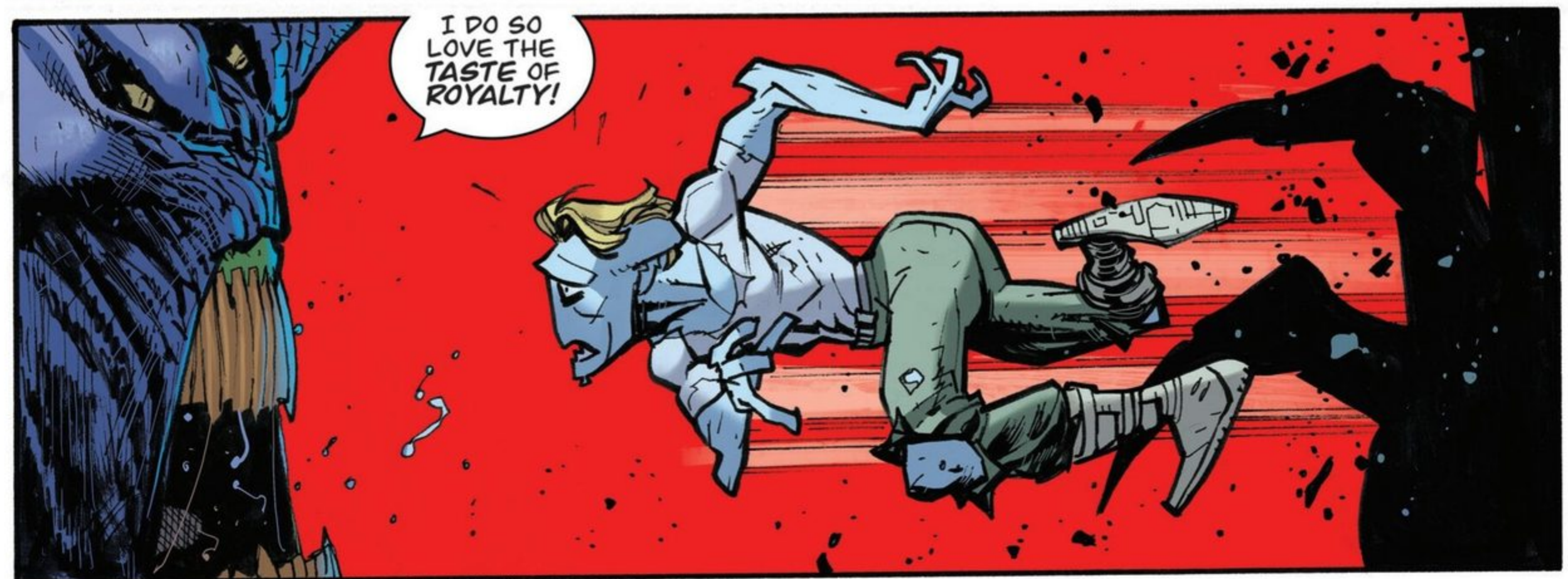


OH, PRINCE SALAKA, YOU'RE SO WISE!

AND HANDSOME!



YOU KNOW IT, LADIES!









MY GOD...
IT'S... ALL
GONE.

THIS EXCURSION HAS ALREADY
COST ME A SHIP AND CAUSED
MULTIPLE DELAYS. IF YOU ARE
GOING TO **WEEP** AT EVERY BIT OF
RUINS WE ENCOUNTER ON THIS
PLANET, I WILL LEAVE
YOU BEHIND.

I WILL
TOLERATE NO
FURTHER
DELAYS.



YOU ARE
UNNECESSARILY
CRUEL. IT'S ONE
OF THE MANY
THINGS THAT
MAKES ME
HATE YOU.

YOU TOLD ME
ON YOUR HOME
WORLD, DORNIN,
YOU WERE A
FORCE FOR GOOD.
HOW HAVE YOU
ALLOWED
YOURSELF TO
BECOME... THIS?

YEAH.
WHAT THE
HELL,
MAN?



YOU
HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT I
ENDURE!

EVERY **SINGLE** MOMENT
OF MY LIFE IS **AGONY**. AN
UNQUENCHABLE FURY ROILS
WITHIN ME **WITHOUT END**. AS
I LOOK AT YOU NOW, I WANT
NOTHING MORE THAN TO
TEAR YOU TO PIECES AND
DRINK THE BLOOD FROM
YOUR **SCATTERED**
REMAINS.

IT TAKES
EVERY OUNCE OF
MY RESOLVE TO NOT
ROAM THE LANDS IN A
BLIND FURY, KILLING
ALL I ENCOUNTER. THE
GOOD I DO, IS REMINDING
MYSELF THAT WOULD
BE **POINTLESSLY**
DESTRUCTIVE.



I WANT.
MY LIFE.
TO END!

THAT IS THE ONLY WAY I
WILL KNOW PEACE, BUT
ALSO THE ONLY WAY I CAN
ENSURE I DON'T **SUCCUMB**
TO MY **BASER INSTINCTS**
AND CHOOSE INSTEAD
TO GIVE INTO MY
BLOODLUST.

THAT
IS THE
CONFLICT
THAT **RAGES**
WITHIN
ME.



IT ROBBS ME OF
THE ABILITY TO...
CARE FOR YOUR
FEELINGS.



I'VE SEEN YOU LIE
ON THE FLOOR OF MY
SHIP AND FALL INTO
SLUMBER ALMOST
IMMEDIATELY. IT
SEEMS TO ME YOU
CONTROL YOUR RAGE
VERY WELL.

IF YOU CAN RELAX
ENOUGH TO FALL
ASLEEP, IT SEEMS
LIKE YOU CAN RELAX
ENOUGH TO NOT BE A
RUDE PIECE OF SHIT
AT ALL TIMES.



HA! HA!
HA! HA!
HA!

COMPUTER!
I THINK I
MAY BE
STARTING TO
LIKE YOU!





LET US
WASTE
NO MORE
TIME.

COME.

I ASSUME
YOU CAN
STILL LEAD US
THROUGH THIS
CASTLE IN
SPITE OF ITS
CURRENT
STATE?

I KNOW
MY WAY
AROUND,
YES.

IF I HAD THE SENSORS
FROM MY SHIP, I'D SCAN THE
STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF
THIS CASTLE. ALTHOUGH, I
FEEL LIKE THERE'S NO
CHANCE A COLLAPSE WOULD
ACTUALLY KILL YOU, WOULD
IT? BATTLE BEAST?

BATTLE
BEAST?





YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THAT JUGGERNAUT, AIN'T YA?!

BIG FELLA LIKE YOU. BIG MEAN FACE. BIG MEAN SWORD. BIG MEAN... EVERYTHING.

DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D BE COMING TO THIS CASTLE FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN KILLING... AND ANYONE WHO'S SPENT ANY TIME IN THESE PARTS KNOWS THE ONLY THING HERE WORTH KILLING... IS THE JUGGERNAUT.

SO YEAH. YOU'RE HERE FOR THE JUGGERNAUT. I JUST KNOW IT.



ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE ME TIME TO RESPOND?



DON'T NEED TO. ALREADY KNOW. I CAN SEE IT PLAIN AS YOUR FURRY FACE.

ARE YOU PLANNING TO STOP US?



STOP YOU? HELL NO! AIN'T A SINGLE SOLITARY SOUL ON THIS PLANET GOING TO TRY AND STOP YOU. HELL, I'LL BE CHEERING YOU ON!

SHE'S IN THE DUNGEON JUST DOWN THOSE STAIRS. PLEASE KILL HER DEAD. IF YOU CAN!



I'M SALAKA, I WAS THE PRINCE A LONG TIME AGO. THIS IS MY CASTLE.

SURE THING, KID. I'M SURE A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE A LOT OF THINGS A LONG TIME AGO.

THAT AND A THINGA WILL GET YOU A CUP OF SLUK.

THE JOKE THERE IS THAT A CUP OF SLUK ONLY COSTS ONE THINGA, SO YOU AIN'T WORTH CRAP. GET IT?



DIDN'T CARE FOR THAT GUY. NO, SIR.

I WILL GLADLY EVISCERATE HIM ON THE WAY OUT IF I AM UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO SURVIVE THIS BATTLE.

WELL, I WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR.



I DON'T--

==RRK!==

YOUR SQUIRMING IS STRESSING THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THIS ARTIFICIAL BODY. YOU COULD DAMAGE--



AH! I'VE GOT LEGS!

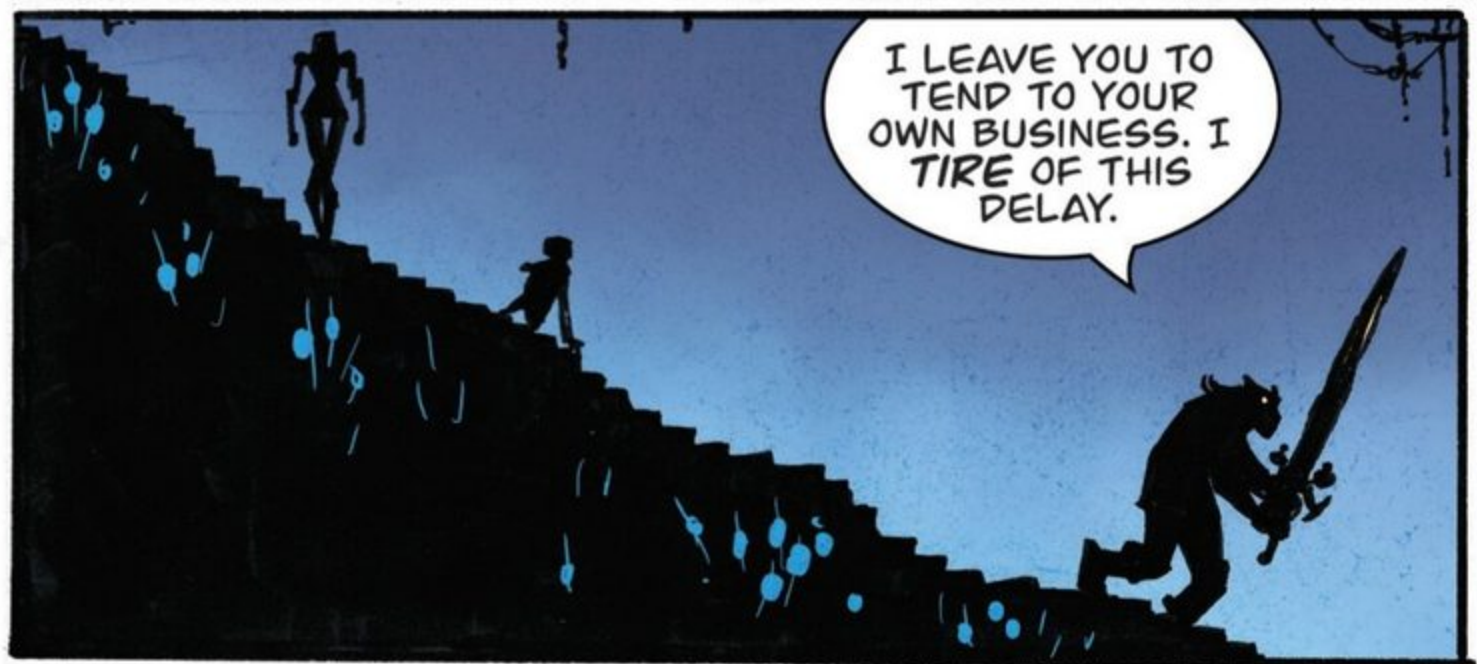
LOOK AT THESE CUTE LITTLE THINGS!



REROUTING...

YOU'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE OVER MY BODY?

YOU DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE.



I LEAVE YOU TO TEND TO YOUR OWN BUSINESS. I TIRE OF THIS DELAY.



I WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS I GAIN CONTROL.

I'M COMING! STEP ASIDE-- I WANT TO LOOK THIS JUGGERNAUT IN THE--





YOU
FREED
HIM FROM THE
COSMIC NAIL?
YOU REMOVED
HIS TUSK AND
CRAFTED A
SWORD
FROM IT?!

I SOUGHT
HIM OUT AS I
WAS TOLD OF HIS
IMMENSE STRENGTH
AND FIGHTING
PROWESS. HE
PROVED TO POSSESS
NEITHER AND
WAS QUICKLY
FELLED.



IMPOSSIBLE! NONE
SAVE MYSELF HAVE
EVER FELLED THE
COLOSSUS!



HE WAS
NOT A WORTHY
CHALLENGE. I
HOPE YOU
FAIR BETTER
AGAINST MY
MIGHT.

PLEASE. I'M
ONLY JOKING. HIS
POWER PALED IN
COMPARISON TO
MINE.

I WILL BE
DEVOURING
YOUR INNARDS
BEFORE
SUNSET!



IS THAT
YOUR
BEST?!

PATHETIC!



PENVINCIPALS

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Daaang, Battle Beast walked right into that one...phew! Welcome back to another edition of Penvincipals, I'm your co-host, Ben Abernathy. Joining me once more is the busiest man in entertainment--Robert Kirkman!

I'm not that...well...let's dive right into the letters, shall we?! Eh! One second before we do--this series is a resounding success, both critically and commercially! I'm completely blown away by how well it's doing. I'm pretty sure this is the highest selling issue 5 I've ever done by quite a wide margin. So, before I dive into these letters so I can dive into the next thing on my long to-do list (more TRANSFORMERS script!) I wanted to say THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Now, letters! Letters! Letters!

Hello Skybound Team!!

Let me just say I have been driving everyone I know crazy talking about Battle Beast.

My dad was a huge comic fan in the late 80s & early 90s but stopped collecting before Invincible came out! Needless to say he completely missed out.

Now that I am an adult, I got really into comics, and it has inspired my dad to start reading again! Since it is so early in the run, my dad was able to pick up the second printings and he is LOVING it!

You guys are doing some amazing work with Battle Beast! Ryan's art is so jaw dropping and is beautifully brought to life with Annalisa's coloring. Thank you so much!!

Much Love,
Omar Ramirez

Thank you for reading Oscar and I love that you and your father are enjoying this series

together. BATTLE BEAST: Bringing families together!

It's nice to see violence doing that for a change!

Hello Robert, Ryan, and Invincible crew,

I just wanted to reach out and say what a cool book Battle Beast #1 was. For the first time ever, I actually showed up to a comic store on a book's release day in anticipation--that's how excited I was for this.

Obviously, I'm a huge fan of the show. I graduated from the University of Cincinnati at the start of May, and Invincible has weirdly enough been one of the defining constants throughout my time at school. What began with my freshman roommate introducing me to "a cartoon with a twist at the end of episode 1" came full circle when I watched Season 3 during my final semester this spring. One of my favorite Cincy memories was coordinating with 15-20 of my fraternity brothers to wait until everyone finished classes on the day the finale dropped so we could watch the Conquest fight together (we waited till like 7, worth it, though).

Anyways, this new book is sick, the dynamic with his new ship is hilarious and the artwork is amazing.

Thanks for the memories!
Leo Smith

Love that we got you in on release day for #1...and that sounds like an awesome way to experience that Conquest fight. Go Bearcats!

Ha!

Hi there Ben and Robert! I'm a younger fan who got into the Invincible comics after the

show started streaming on Amazon. You guys all made my favourite superhero comic!!! Thanks a bajillion!!!! These little columns at the end of each issue were always such a cute touch too--almost like a mini time capsule of what was running through fan's minds as Mark was getting his ass handed to him for the thousandth time!

The past three issues have been amazing, in terms of the writing, the drawings, and THE COLOURING!?!?!? My personal favourite artist in that department was John Rauch but Annalisa Leoni definitely gives him a run for his money. I really hope that she and Ryan Ottley (my favourite comic artist in the industry btw) continue to collaborate in the future because every panel of Battle Beast thus far has been phenomenal to look at. I'm practically drooling over my physical issues every time a new one comes out.

One thing I've gotta ask, though (obviously without going into spoilers), but is there a chance that you guys are going to revisit that fight from the original Invincible run? Cheeky indirect answers are welcome!

Adoringly,
Farshad

Appreciate your devotion to our series, Farshad...and I'd recommend buying TWO copies of each issue if you do start to drool on the issues (no judgement!).

I'm not going to spoil anything, Farshad. I think I know what fight you're talking about but it really doesn't matter. This is a full prequel series that won't really be touching on any of the fights you've seen before. That's why you can read this series in full without reading a single issue of INVINCIBLE. BUT if you go back and reread (or read) INVINCIBLE after reading this series there should be an extra level of insight as you read the BATTLE BEAST scenes that should be fun.

Hello Battle Beast team!

I picked the Battle Beast series up after watching the entirety of the Invincible show in 4 days, and I am beyond impressed with the art, writing, and story as a whole. I am an art major currently attending University and with all the formal studies and training, I was starting to lose focus of my end

goal--to make others passionate with my own comics. I have always been passionate about art and as a kid I fell in love with superhero comics. I can confidently say that this series is returning my wonder and excitement for comics! The world building of the extraterrestrial has me lingering on each panel and speech bubble. And I can not get enough of the insane details in the mechanical aspects! The scenes of the crash on Salaka's home planet were jaw dropping and I'll be counting down the days to the next issue. Of course, Battle Beast is far from the superheroes I grew up reading, but the feelings I got from reading have stayed the same. My passion for art/comics returned after watching the show and continues to grow with the Battle Beast comics. So, I have to thank everyone on this team for creating something I've fallen in love with!

I am also very interested in seeing how Prince Salaka and Battle Beast's relationship evolves. Will the Prince be able to cut through Thokk's cold exterior and find the emotions he claims to not hold? Or is Thokk really just an emotionless killer, only impassioned with the quest to find a worthy death? I'm reading so hard in between the lines and scanning every slight facial expression, but comics that leave you wondering and rereading are always the best ones! I seriously can't wait to get my hands on the next issue (I'm DYING to read it).

With love,
Paloma Lemin

Thank you for the passionate support of our series, Paloma, and writing in! And I agree, the relationship between Salaka and Battle Beast is a really interesting one and you're going to enjoy how it evolves, I promise!

Seconded! I think you've seen a little of that in this issue but that MAY not be the end of it, unless...Salaka DID die in this issue? It's possible!! EEK!

And that's a wrap for this month--please keep the letters rolling in and see y'all back in 30!

-Ben

Another BIG action issue, coming up! See you back here really soon!

-Robert

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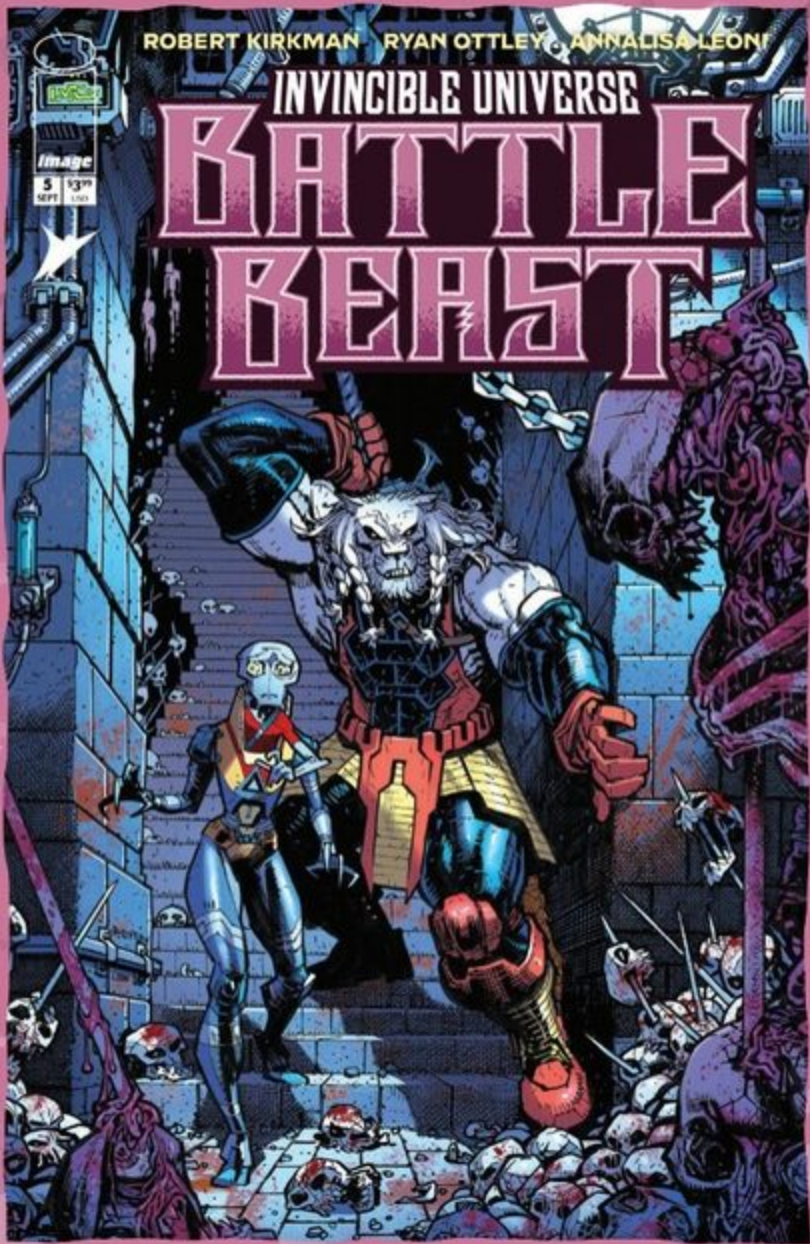
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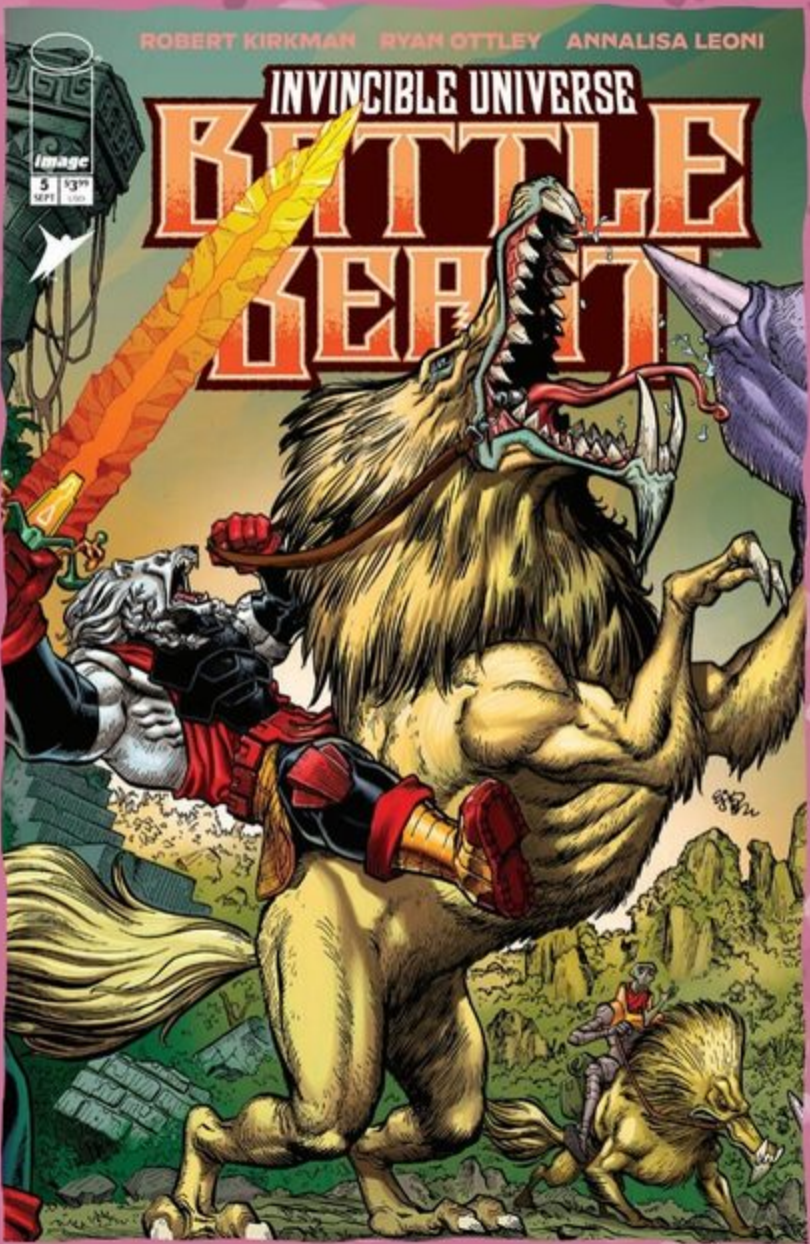
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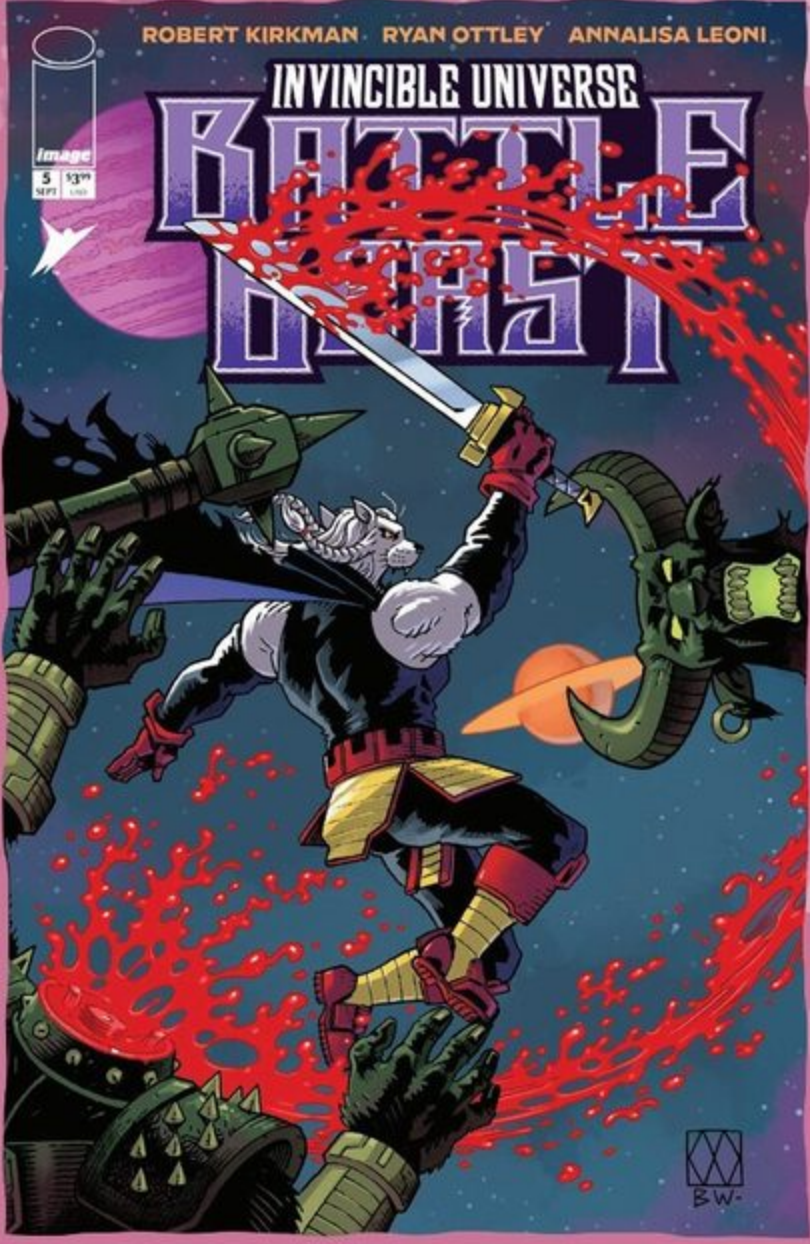
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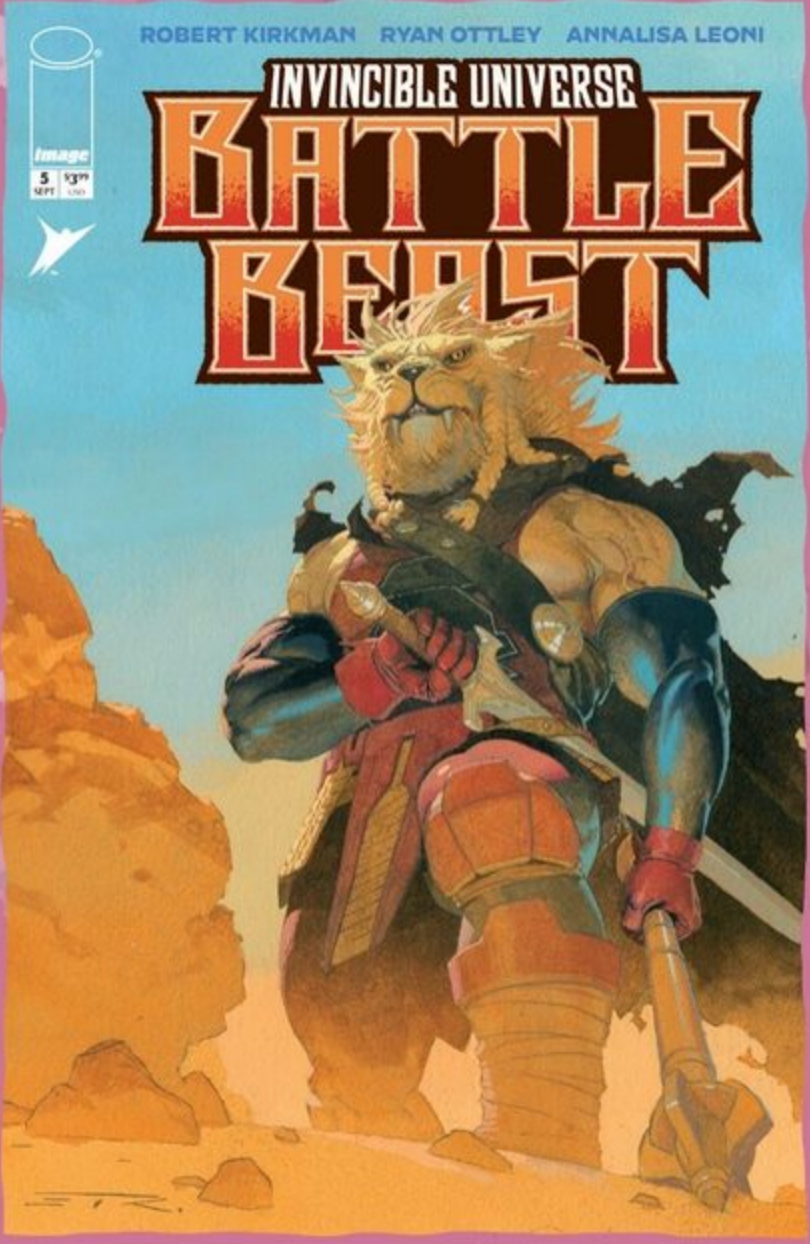
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